



In Memory

On Sunday, November 14, Gary Wayne Smith, a Caltrans Highway Maintenance Leadworker, was struck and killed by a vehicle while performing traffic control at the scene of a fatal accident on Highway 99 north of Chico.

Gary began his 32-year career with Caltrans on May 16, 1978. He was stationed out of the Chico Maintenance Yard for the bulk of those 32 years.

If you ever stepped foot into the Chico yard, you were touched by Gary. One of the most consistent memories of Gary is that he was never without a smile. Gary's kind nature helped many a rookie through their first days with Caltrans and he always helped his co-workers get through the rough days that came up.

You would never hear Gary say that he wouldn't help out. If it needed to be done, Gary would do it. He didn't hesitate to respond to call-outs no matter the day or time. Gary prided himself on serving the State of California.

Gary leaves behind his loving wife Sue and son Gary, Jr.

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has established an Assistance Fund in memory of Gary. Donations to assist the Smith family can be made by check to "CTF Assistance Fund" and designated "Gary Smith". Please mail to: CTF, P.O. Box 160534, Sacramento, CA 95816.